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2. Faysal Prepared to Cut Oil Supply. In an interview with the Director of the Arab News Agency in Riyadh in the middle of last week, the Crown Prince obliquely confirmed what the Cairo press on March 6 reported, that is, that the SAG is prepared to cut off petroleum exports to states supporting Israel. Faysal hedged this commitment, made public officially for the first time by Saudi media last week, by asserting that an oil embargo is not the only means of pressure available to the Arab states. The Crown Prince also said vis-a-vis the Palestine Question that now is the time for action on the part of the Arabs; the time for words has passed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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In both instances Faysal was asked a direct question

His reply on the second occasion was hedged with the clear implication that Saudi Arabia could not be expected carry alone the burden of self denial and that UAR and other Arab states will be expected to share burdens. Department will recall 'Abd al-'Aziz's refusal to cut oil supplies to west in 1947. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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1. Palestine Question. Daily press and radio coverage of developments relating to the Arab-Israel struggle, topics which of necessity seem to involve attacks on the US in general and on American policy in the area in particular, continued. Thus weekly front-page news stories and editorial comment scored the Secretary's remarks to the Congress regarding the withholding of aid from states in the area which commit aggression or are preparing to do so and Assistant Secretary Dutton's discussion, also before a Congressional Committee, of USG opposition to the Arab Boycott of Israel came in for criticism. Germany came in for criticism for the conclusion of the recent agreement for continuing German reparations payments to Israel. Turkey similarly drew adverse comment for the conclusion of a trade agreement with the Israelis. One commentator asserted that Germany had succumbed to "US pressure." News media predictably began to expand this coverage of the Arab-Israeli problem in terms critical of US policy markedly immediately following the Saudi-Egyptian meeting in Riyadh in early March. (UNCLASSIFIED)

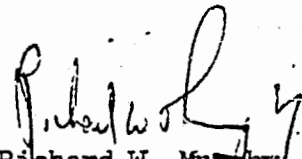
Comment: As UAR-SAG tensions relax Saudis feel less restrained in joining other Arabs in sharp attacks on US actions and policy. Saudi radio while refraining from anti-US diatribes fully reports significant developments in Arab-Israeli relations.

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